moreover, that he was not one who despised clemency, but he would not be found to make any cringing submission

The Earl of Southampton spake somewhat more earnestly for pardon, and with such sweet favour and winning expressions, and such ingenuous modesty that he moved the hearts of all the standers-by to pity So the Lord High Steward spake again to them and pronounced sentence of death upon them, that they should be hanged, bowelled and quartered Then the Earl of Essex made certain requests, that he might have the same preacher to comfort him that had been with him since his troubles began and that the Lord Thomas Howard and the Lieutenant of the Tower might be partakers with him[m] receiving the Sacrament He desired also pardon of the Lords Delaware and Morley for leading their sons into trouble, and of the Earl of Worcester and the Chief Justice for keeping them prisoners So the Lord High Steward's staff being broken the Court dissolved, having sat from 9 in the morning until 6

The news of this day's business was suddenly divulged throughout London, whereupon many forsook their suppers and ran hastily into the streets to see the Earl of Essex as he was led back to the Tower He passed with a swift pace, bending his face towards the earth, and would not look upon any of them, though some spake directly to him

February. THE EARL OF ESSEX

This morning the Earl of Essex was visited by Dr Dove, the Dean of Norwich, sent by the Lords of the Council to press him to acknowledge his offences But to Dr Dove's persuasions he answered in a passion, * If you knew how many motions have

been made to me to do my best to remove such evils as the commonwealth is burdened with, you would greatly wonder '

A while after there came to my Lord his chaplain, Master Abdy Ashton, who found frim cheerful and prepared with great content for his end But the Earl found no comforter in Mr Ashton, who bitterly upbraided his Lord, saying that the Earl had manifested to all the world that his show of religion was mere hypocrisy, and his followers men of no means, but either base persons that he had raised or such as had lewdly consumed their own patrimony ' Besides,' quoth he, ' howsoever you